

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested. Claims 10-23 are pending in the present application.

Claims 10, 14, 18, 21 and 23 were amended in this response. Support for the amendments in claims 10, 21, and 23 can be found in FIG. 2 and paragraphs [0015] and [0016].

Claims 10-14 and 20-23 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beshai et al. (US PG Pub 2008/0165688, which will be referred to as “Beshai-1) in view of Beshai et al. (US patent 7,397,792 which will be referred to as Beshai-2”).

On pages 3 and 4 of the Examiner’s Response to Arguments, with regard to claim 10, the examiners submits that “if the applicant were to further amend the claims to recite how the reservation request and acknowledgment signal are used to indicate the blocking times by using a signaling overhead, the current ground of rejection would be overcome”.

In response to the Examiner’s arguments in paragraph 6, Applicants submits that the amendment to claims 10, 21 and 23 include the above discussed features (i.e. “transmitting a reservation request”, “transmitting an acknowledgement signal”, “wherein the reservation request and the acknowledgement signal includes information regarding the blocking time by means of a signalling overhead”). As

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such, claims 10, 14, 18, 21 and 23 are allowable. All other claims depend from one of the claims 10, 21 or 23, either directly or indirectly, and are similarly allowable.

In light of the above, the Applicant respectfully submit that the claims 10-23 are both novel and non obvious over the art of record. Applicant therefore submit that this application in condition for allowance. An indication of same is solicited. In the event that any further matters requiring attention are noted by the Examiner, or in the event that prosecution of this application can otherwise be advanced thereby, a telephone call to Applicants' undersigned representative at the number shown below is invited.

Petition for extension is herewith made. The extension fee for response within a period of one (1) month pursuant to Section 1.136(a) in the amount of \$130.00 in accordance with Section 1.17 is enclosed herewith. Please charge any other fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account Number 12-1099 of Lerner Greenberg Stemer LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

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